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## AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.312(a)

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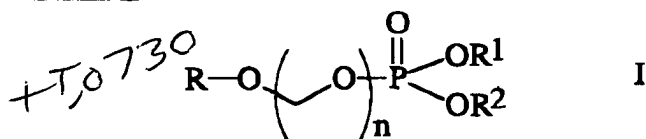
Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application pursuant to the provisions of Rule 312 (a).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A compound according to formula I:



wherein,

R-O- is a residue of a phenol-containing pharmaceutical compound, [excluding taxol,]

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or an alkali metal ion or a protonated amine or a protonated amino acid,

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